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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were originally cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed July 29, 2010 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application Number 2005-503758. A copy of the office action is enclosed. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

US 4,868,476 corresponds to JP 8-80301.

Partial English translations were previously submitted for JP 2-124553 in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 19, 2005 and Information Disclosure Statement submitted on April 2, 2010. Therefore, JP 2-124553 is not cited on Form SB08. English translations for JP 5-31109, JP 1-227743, JP 3-184532 and JP 2-57242 were also submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on September 19, 2005. US 5,251,631 corresponds to JP 5-31109. GB 2 216 660 corresponds to JP 1-227743. US 5,152,294 corresponds to JP 3-184532. Therefore, JP 5-31109, JP 1-227743, JP 3-184532 and JP 2-57242 are not cited on Form SB08.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form SB08, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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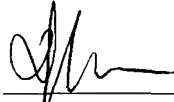
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